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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/923,134
Filing Date	August 6, 2001
Examiner Name	Luu, Sy D
First Named Inventor	Atle Hedloy
Group Art Unit	2174
Attorney Docket Number	103176-0001C1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
any deficiencies in
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1237
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$385 enclosed (= RCE fee)
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	August 18, 2004

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant Claims Small Entity Status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 385

## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money ☐ Other ☐ None  
☒ Deposit Account Order

Deposit Account Number: 03-1237

Deposit Account Name: Cesari and McKenna, LLP

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)  
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☐ Charge fee indicated below  
☐ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application  
☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code (\$)	Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			\$ 0

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra Fee from Claims below Fee Paid

Total Claims: 20\*\* = 0 x 0 = 0

Independent Claims: 3\*\* = 0 x 0 = 0

Multiple Dependent: 0 = 0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code (\$)	Code (\$)		
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 84	2204 42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)			\$ 0

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES				Fee Description	Fee Paid
Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130			Non-English Specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160			Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650			Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235			Design Issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315			Plant Issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	385
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					
Other fee (specify)					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
SUBTOTAL (3)				\$ 385	

## SUBMITTED BY

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